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DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:	BOARD OF DENTISTRY & DENTAL HYGIENE
DATE AND TIME:	Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
PLACE:	Cannon Building, Second-Floor Conference Room A 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE 19904
APPROVED:	

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian McAllister, DMD, Professional Member, President
Thomas A. Mercer, DDS, Professional Member, Secretary
Lucinda Bunting, DMD, Professional Member
Sharon Welsh, DDS, Professional Member
Carol Argo, RDH, Professional Hygiene Member
June Ewing, Public Member
Nathaniel Gibbs, Public Member
Mary Trinkle, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member
Buffy Parker, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member
Rozi Berberian, Public Member
Rumiko Nelson, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bruce Matthews, DDS, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Patricia Davis-Olivia, Deputy Attorney General
Flora Peer, Administrative Specialist II

PUBLIC PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. McAllister called the meeting to order at 3:04p.m.

DISCIPLINARY HEARING

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 20, 2015 Board meeting. Mr. Gibbs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Argo, to approve the minutes as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 15, 2015 Appeal Hearing. Dr. Mercer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bunting, to approve the minutes as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Rules & Regulations Hearing – Deliberation on Public Comments

Ms. Olivia stated that the changes were originally posted in May 1, 2015

Ms. Olivia questioned if everyone was in agreement with the changes. Dr. Mercer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ewing, to accept the changes. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Continued Review of Application – Mimi Yeung

Ms. Olivia stated that the Board reviewed Dr. Yeung's application at the last meeting and requested more information. Dr. McAllister stated that there were two pending items and an explanation had been distributed to the Board. Ms. Olivia stated that the Board could issue a waiver allowing Dr. Yeung to practice or could deny based that the applicant has the pending charges. Ms. Olivia stated that if the Board can make a decision based on the information provided the board out proposed to deny her application and Dr. Yeung could have a hearing. Dr. McAllister made a motion, seconded by Dr. Welsh to propose to deny Mimi Yeung's application. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review Definition of Nonprofit

Dr. McAllister stated the definition of nonprofit. Nonprofit would allow someone who was not a dentist to operate a clinic. Ms. Olivia asked if the Board meant to change the language to say that you can run a nonprofit but cannot work there, it would be a change to ownership not practice, implicitly that it must be a dentist with exemption only referring to ownership. The Board will review the proposed changes at the December meeting.

Review of Exam Packets

The Board reviewed the updates.

NEW BUSINESS

RATIFICATION OF LICENSES/PERMITS ISSUED BY DPR SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING

Dentists – None

Dental Hygienists – None

Restricted Permit I – None

Restricted Permit II – None

Unrestricted Permit – None

Dentist - Limited Resident – None

Academic License – None

REVIEW OF HEARING OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

Vicki Korr-Pringle

The Board reviewed Ms. Korr-Pringle's hearing officer recommendations. Dr. Welsh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Argo, to accept the hearing officer recommendations as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Myrna Arroyo

The Board reviewed Ms. Arroyo's hearing officer recommendations. Ms. Argo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Welsh, to accept the hearing officer recommendations as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

James Pillsbury

The Board reviewed Dr. Pillsbury hearing officer recommendations. Late renewal def 19 ce 2 in infection control. Ms. Olivia stated that Dr. Pillsbury provided written exemptions showing that he had made up credits, and requested that the Board reconsider issuing the letter of reprimand. Dr. Pillsbury

also stated in his letter that the Board should reconsider the limit on practice management. The Board discussed Dr. Pillsbury's exceptions. Ms. Argo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Welsh to accept hearing officer recommendations as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Carol Jackson

The Board reviewed Ms. Jackson's hearing officer recommendations. Ms. Olivia stated that Ms. Jackson is now compliant with the audit. Mr. Gibbs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Argo, to accept the hearing officer recommendations. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Tara Seramone

The Board reviewed Ms. Seramone's hearing officer recommendations. Ms. Seramone did not respond to the audit or notice of hearing. The hearing officer recommends immediate suspension. Ms. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Trinkle, to accept the hearing officer recommendations as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Danielle Bobak

The Board reviewed Ms. Bobak's hearing officer recommendations. Ms. Olivia summarized the hearing officer recommendation and letter of exception for the Board.

Ms. Bobak stated that she did not agree that her charge was related to her practice of dental hygiene. Ms. Bobak stated that she hasn't practiced since 2012 and requested that her time served be applied retroactively for her suspension. Ms. Bobak explained the programs that she is in, discussed reference letters and stated that she is working part time in a clerical capacity at her former place of employment. The Board entered deliberations.

Ms. Argo recommended that the suspension be removed and keep the probation at 3 years.

Ms. Argo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Welsh to accept the hearing officer recommendations with the removal of the suspension. The motion carried by majority with Dr. Bunting and Ms. Parker recused.

CONTINUING EDUCATION APPROVAL

None

Academic License – Al DuPont Call Schedule

Dr. McAllister summarized the inquiry for the Board. The question was if it would be ok for his staff to help with Al's call schedule. There was a relationship, currently Christiana residents rotate through Al. There is a partnership with Christiana wanted just to make sure he wasn't violating the code. The Board stated that it had no concerns.

COMPLAINT UPDATES

New Complaints

09-05-15

09-06-15

09-07-15

Dismissed by the Division of Professional Regulation – None

Forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General – None

09-18-14

DISCIPLINE AND COMPLIANCE

Keith Nguyen – Compliance Update

Dr. McAllister reviewed the documents submitted by Dr. Nguyen and stated that he is compliant.

Marieve O. Rodriguez – Compliance Update

Dr. McAllister reviewed the documents submitted by Dr. Rodriguez and stated that she is compliant.

CORRESPONDENCE

Request for Waiver

Dr. McAllister stated that a retired dentist contacted the Board with an inquiry about academic license. Teaching opportunity came up at Del Tech. felt requirements are meant for new graduates. Could be a teacher but could not be a clinical instructor or treat patients. The Board requested that Ms. Peer write in response that there is nothing in the code that makes it possible to grant a waiver. The retired Dentist can teach there but not in a clinical capacity.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be December 17, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room A located on the second floor of the Cannon building at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Parker made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mercer, to adjourn the meeting at 4:55p.m. By unanimous vote, the motion to adjourn carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Flora Peer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Flora" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Peer".

Flora Peer
Administrative Assistant II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.